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In re Application of  
Nicholas Van Bruggen et al.  
Serial No.: 09/218,481  
Filed: December 22, 1998  
For: VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL CELL  
GROWTH FACTOR ANTOGONISTS AND  
USES THEREOF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2001. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a request for a three-month extension along with the required fee.

Please note that the Power of Attorney for the instant application has been changed pursuant to a Revocation and Power of Attorney submitted September 21, 2000. Accordingly, please send all future communications to the undersigned attorney directly.

Please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth thereafter.

**I. AMENDMENTS**

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of reducing cerebral edema in a mammal, comprising administering to said mammal a hVEGF antagonist in an amount effective to reduce the volume of cerebral edema in the brain of the mammal, wherein said antagonist comprises an anti-hVEGF antibody.

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